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ANTIMICROBIAL ABSORBENT ARTICLE

AND METHODS OF MAKING AND USING

THE SAME

Attorney Docket No:

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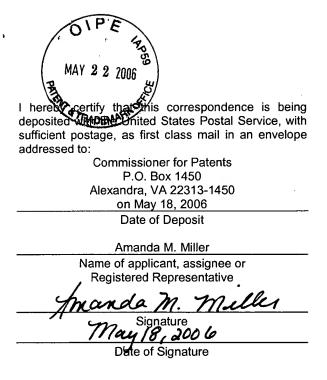
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed February 23, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the rejections in view of the following amendments and remarks, as set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.